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SUBJ: PANAMA ANNOUNCES WORKING GROUPS FOR TREATY
IMPLEMENTATION

1. THE GOP HAS ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION, EFFECTIVE AUG 24,
OF A NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ORGANIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATIES.

2. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE IS
TO BE EX-TREATY NEGOTIATOR EDWIN FABREGA; THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COMMITTEE IS GOP VICE PRESIDENT GONZALEZ. THE
COMMITTEE IS TO BE SUPPORTED BY A SEVEN-MAN EXECUTIVE
SECRETARIAT AND ASSISTED BY SIX "ADVISERS TO THE
DIRECTOR AND TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT": AMONG THESE
ADVISERS ARE LISTED ROMULO ESCOBAR BETHANCOURT,
ARISTIDES ROYO, ADOLFO AHUMADA, AND CARLOS LOPEZ-
GUEVARA.

3. THE COMMITTEE IS FURTHER GIFTED WITH EIGHT SUB-
COMMITTEES, ORGANIZED FUNCTIONALLY AROUND THE DIVISIONS
WITHIN THE TREATIES. THE SUBCOMMITTEES, IN TURN, ARE TO
BE ASSISTED (OR BURDENED) BY AN IMMENSE NUMBER OF
ADVISERS: THE LIST, AS PUBLISHED IN PANAMA CITY DAILY
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"MATUTINO" OF AUG 22, COMES TO ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED SUCH
ADVISERS, WHILE THE NUMBER OF ACTUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
BRINGS THE GRAND TOTAL INVOLVED TO NEARLY FIVE HUNDRED
(COPY OF COMPLETE LIST BY POUCH).

4. COMMENT: IT IS NOT YET APPARENT EXACTLY HOW AND AT
WHAT LEVEL THIS GOP CREATION WILL RELATE TO THE EXISTING
BINATIONAL WORKING GROUP. WE ARE ENCOURAGED, HOWEVER,

BY THE PROMINENCE OF FAMILIAR NAMES. WE NOTE THAT ON THE LIST FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT ARE OMAR JAEN, FLAVIO VELASQUEZ AND AUGUSTO ZAMBRANO: ALL HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR FABREGA AND NICOLAS BARLETTA ON THE BINATIONAL WORKING GROUP. VELASQUEZ IS FURTHER DESIGNATED UNDER THE NEW SETUP AS IN CHARGE OF "BINATIONAL LIAISON"; HE HAS BEEN A GENERALLY HELPFUL CONTACT TO DATE. JORDEN

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